

**HANKINS' WOLVES.**

They Are Eating the Heart Out of the City of Chicago and Its People.

The Tiger Trust Growing More Insolent and Voracious Every Day.

Full and Accurate Exposure of Its Great Earnings in the Past Four Weeks.

A Member of the Trust Says That Aldermen Are Not Worth \$1 Per Dozen.

The Laws Defiled and Broken with Impunity, While the Gamblers' Monopoly Flourishes.

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Diverted from Legitimate Channels Every Month in the Year.

While Young Clerks, Bookkeepers and Cashiers Are Made Embezzlers, and Workingmen Are Driven to Starvation.

The City Authorities, Instead of Stopping the Evil, Openly Encourage It.

One of These Days the People Will Find Out for Whose Benefit the Gamblers Are Assessed.

Real-Estate George and the Other Collectors in a Fair Way to Be Thoroughly Exposed.

A Rigid Investigation by a Special Grand Jury the Best Thing to Remedy the Trouble.

The Mayor and His Police Have Eyes Only for the Houses Outside the Combination.

These Are Promptly Closed to Save Hankins and His Pals from Any Competition.

Perhaps the City Council Will Wake Up One of These Days and Look Into the Matter.

In the Meantime Vice Flourishes. Assessments Are Made, and ex-Members of the September Grand Jury Continue in High Favor with Hankins and His Pals.

The gamblers' trust rules Chicago. One of the members of the trust said to an Eagle representative the other day: "I see by the Herald that some of the Aldermen are going to denounce gambling. Ha! ha! Yes, yes, and you have over \$108,000 earned in four weeks from boys, clerks, workmen, cashiers, husbands, fathers, and persons occupying confidential relations with business men."

But the net profits do not represent the amount of wealth torn from the hands of the poor to enrich the blood-suckers of the tiger's trust. The gross receipts of the gamblers, before expenses were taken out, for the four weeks ending Nov. 17, were nearly \$500,000.

Think of it! A half a million of dollars diverted from legitimate channels!

How many butcher bills would it pay? How many grocery bills would it pay? How many coal bills would it pay? How much winter clothing would it buy?

Shame upon you, Mayor Cregier, for allowing such robbery to continue! You are a reform Mayor!

You allow the honest poor to be robbed, and the youth of the city to be polluted, that Hankins may flourish in style.

But people are not all fools. An Eagle representative visited Hankins' den the other night, and saw with his own eyes a sight he will long remember.

The three floors of the gambling house were brilliantly lighted, and were crowded with players. Between four hundred and five hundred players were crowded around the tables.

There was not a professional gambler among them. All of the crowd were workmen, and some of them were boys in their teens.

Not one man in fifty left the house a winner, and from the sorrowful faces of the dupes going out, most of them had lost their all.

Perhaps some of them had lost their employer's money.

The crowd was liberally plied with drinks which stood upon convenient sideboards, and some of them were not in fit condition to be out of their beds, let alone to chance their money.

But Hankins' assistants were busy, and the drunker a man was the happier they were to take in his cash.

No wonder that this vile den raked in nearly an even \$50,000 in net profits in the week ending November 17.

Net profits, mind you! All expenses have been paid when the house makes its net profit.

The expenses have been paid out of the squanderings of the poor. And what are the expenses for help alone?

Hankins employs eighty-two men in his gambling house, and their services cost him—or rather the players against the game—as follows:

Four floor managers at \$50 per week.....	\$2,000
Eighteen dealers and lookouts at \$50 per week.....	9,000
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Twenty roulette croupiers at \$20 per week.....	7,200
Three door tenders at \$25 per week.....	750
Twenty "plungers" at \$20 per week.....	4,000
Six porters at \$18 per week.....	1,080
One "bouncer".....	30
Eight "stealers" at \$30 per week.....	2,400
Two police court spies at \$15 per week.....	300
Incidentals, gas, etc.....	150
Total cost of running house per week.....	\$22,430

Large as this sum is it is but part of the expense which Hankins willingly stands for the privilege of running. Large sums are daily given back to his distressed victims—not through sympathy, but to stop proceedings in police courts. His police court spies are engaged to "fix" the wives or relatives of some victimized players who seek the aid of the law to have their money returned. A man who, under Harrison's administration, was close to Hankins, estimates that the expenses of the establishment are not less than \$5,000 per week, or \$20,000 per year. The gross earnings of the house are estimated at \$500,000 per year, leaving a net profit of \$480,000 per year. This enormous sum comes from the pockets of the poor clerks and poorer laborers. Boys are admitted to the house without question, and their meager salaries must doubtless some of their employers' money fall into the already well-filled coffers of Hankins and his partners. The "croupiers" are betting against a game that enriches the proprietors at the rate of over \$1,000 per day.

The Eagle has published the figures relating to Hankins' gambling house. It is a disgrace to the city. They are full of awful facts.

There are 1,200,000 people in Chicago who are taxed to support an expensive city government and a costly police force.

Are they taxed that the laws shall be not enforced and that gamblers shall rule?

Are they taxed in order that their taxmasters shall sit idly by while a trust of blacklegs robs their small businesses of \$500,000 a month, or \$6,000,000 a year?

Can the community stand such a strain on its resources? It cannot.

In times gone by there was an honest administration of justice, and the men who are now milking Chicago dry were not allowed to trap the unwary.

Some of the men who are now running skin gambling games tried it, and they were punished for their pains. The best proof of this is the following from the records of the Criminal Court of this county:

No. of Case.	Name.	Fine.
820.....	Geo. Hankins (1st conviction).....	\$250
1092.....	Geo. Hankins (2d conviction).....	500
1077.....	John Belknap.....	500
1078.....	James Conlisk.....	250
1079.....	Chas. Atwood.....	500
1080.....	John Brown.....	250
1081.....	Frank Tierman.....	250
1082.....	James J. Smith.....	250
1083.....	Indicted as John Smith.....	250
1084.....	George Givon.....	250
1085.....	Jeff. Hankins.....	100
1086.....	John Galsbolts.....	100
1087.....	At Hankins.....	250
1088.....	Cornelius Jones.....	250
1089.....	Kirk Conn.....	250
1090.....	Geo. Lester.....	250
1091.....	Chas. Winslip.....	250
1092.....	Harry Bonaville.....	250
1093.....	Peter McGuire.....	250
1094.....	Andrew Scott.....	250
1095.....	Thomas Wallace.....	250
1096.....	James Crow.....	250
1097.....	George Elder.....	250

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That Is What Many Candidates Would Like Very Much to Be.

Boodle on One Side and Aristocratic Imbecility on the Other—Two Great Public Dangers.

The Goodlers Have a Meeting to Fix Things to Suit Themselves.

While the Political Pussy-Cats Have a Drainage Tea at the Union League.

Good, Honest, Sensible Men the Great Need of the Hour.

The Public Want Neither Foppish Politicians Nor Frothing Bribe-Seekers.

The people are commencing to appreciate the importance of the approaching drainage election. But they wake up very slowly. The gamblers' trust and the bad element generally are fully alive to the situation, and are striving to get as much out of the \$20,000,000 to be raised for drainage purposes as possible. They will try to get as many weak men on the Board as they can.

An equally dangerous element is coming to the front. This is the pussy-cat element. It is the element which always pretends to be doing good, but which never does anything.

It is the element which takes tea at the Union League and frequents restaurants, and is misty with fustiness. The people want sensible men.

They want men who have the courage of their convictions. They want men who cannot be bribed or cajoled.

The people want men like John Spay, Matt Renner, Carter H. Harrison, William McCoy, Charles F. Clarke, or Millard B. Hersey. Such men are neither bought nor driven. Besides, they are self-made men.

It is too bad that Hon. John A. Roche declines to run. He would make a splendid Commissioner.

John Spay is a credit to Chicago, and is the head of one of the greatest lumber companies in the world. He knows how to handle men, and is a practical man of affairs.

Matt Renner is practical, honest, and aggressively upright, and would serve the people with honor.

Carter H. Harrison is an ex-Mayor; is honest, and is in every way worthy of the place.

William McCoy is the popular and prosperous hotel proprietor. He would be an excellent man.

Charles F. Clarke is manager of the Hibernian Bank, and is honest, upright and capable.

Millard B. Hersey is an ex-State Senator, a successful Board of Trade man, and a thoroughly competent person.

Such men are needed on the Drainage Board. They would not be treasury drainers.

POLITICAL PUSSY-CATS.
They Indulge in a Mild Tea at the Union League Club.

A meeting of political dead-weights, ambitious but timid caterwaulers, and others was held at the Union League Club the other night.

Several respectable men took part in the proceedings.

The main object of the gathering was to get as many of these present into office as Drainage Commissioners as possible.

An organization was perfected by the election of George C. Senkewitz, Chairman, and H. S. Russell, Secretary. Their addresses were made by them. B. J. Smith, Judge B. J. Frothingham, Dr. Williams, rep. J. S. Miller, R. S. (continued on third page.)